

THAT Hawes meeting wasn't a frost—not by no manner o' means.

If defeat for the honor and emoluments of office so sours a man that he becomes a convert to the doctrine of total and universal depravity, then indeed am I thankful that I was never cursed with the lust for place.

THE Potosi Journal pleads for the turning of the State over to the Republicans, on the score that while it might make things better it cannot make them worse. No doubt the devil used the same sort of argument when he tried to tempt the Savior with the promise of a lot of false probabilities. But the Lord knew the devil, and Missourians—well, they had Republicanism once and possess a memory.

I DON'T deny, and don't want to deny, that some good people are out of place in the Folk ranks; but when I read the list of promoters it reminds me—in a political sense—of a verse in the Holy Scriptures: "And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him, and he became a captain over them; and there were with him about four hundred men."

IS THE Judge Evans who has charge of the Folk Headquarters in St. Louis in Mr. Vandiver's absence the Evans who, it is alleged, in 1898 temporarily left the State in order to avoid service of notice of contest at the hands of John C. Brown, his competitor for circuit judge? Judge Evans had, on the face of the returns, a plurality of 6 in a total vote of 12,175. Brown charged fraud and tried to contest, but failed in service of notice, as above alleged. It occurs to me that an advance agent of the Absolute Righteousness Aggregation ought, in all cases, seek the truth, regardless of consequences to himself or the party at large. In fact, the more I think of it, the more nearly comes the conviction that the two Evanses cannot be the one and the same Judge Evans, or that the allegation that the second named Judge Evans left the State for the purpose mentioned, is only a Republican lie. Though it may not be held as reprehensible to take an office with a blur on its title as it is to appropriate to one's own use a \$1000 bill from the willing hands of a Baking Powder syndicate, it savors too much of the politician to fit an Apostle of Reform.

SOME Folk promoters falsely boast that in attending the recent meeting in St. Louis the delegates paid their railroad fares. But if it were true, it would not be unprecedented. The men who went up to the Perle Springs convention in 1895 had no railroad passes. I know whereof I speak. Those men paid their way and assembled to further the interest of no office-seeker, but to give voice and effect to true Democratic principle. But that meeting sprang from the people, not seekers after the flesh-pots. I observe in the official list of Folk promoters the names of too many men who sneered at and contemptuously jeered us then, to make me take kindly to their purpose now. Mr. Vandiver, (the chief boomer of the Tennessee apostle) at his own behoof, to-day may lie in the same bed with T. R. Ely (a 13th district promoter), but only a few moons ago, if that incongruity had been attempted, the "kiver" would have been kicked to rags. I like belligerents to make up their quarrels and dwell together in peace, just as I like to see the wicked forsake the evil of their ways; but I prefer to get my lessons in righteousness from another source.

I HOLD that the lie by insinuation is meaner than the lie straight-out; that it is nastier, dirtier, and three degrees nearer the realms of His Satanic Majesty than its bold-faced pal in iniquity. The lie tangible bears on its front the lines that give it away, but the sneaking insinuation borrows the semblance of honor and masquerades among decent people like a plying prostitute praying in pretended penitence before the altar. The insinuating lie is the lie circumstantial and the more likely to mislead on that account. Its latest venture, according to the Clayton Argus, is thus set out:

Only last week they (the Folklites) sent out a communication to the effect that Mr. Hawes had been renominated for the position of President of the St. Louis Jefferson Club, and that on the board of directors with him was Edward Butler, the intention being to cause country Democrats to believe that the said Edward Butler was the

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same Edward Butler who had been indicted for bribery and against whom a prejudice exists in certain sections of the State. Mr. Folk knew that this was a lie, that the Edward Butler elected on the board with Mr. Hawes was a wholesale grocer, neither a relative nor a friend of Edward Butler, the blacksmith and father of Congressman Jim Butler.

Now I submit it to the reader if this is not as neat a piece of low-down political skulduggery as ever came to his notice. That it was perpetrated by pretended advocates of Civic Righteousness makes it the more despicable. But those who make broad their phylacteries and thank God that they are not as other men, are also firm believers in the comfortable doctrine that "the end justifies the means."

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Bellevue Items.

Eugene Logan is convalescing. Miss Jennie Logan returns this week to the city to resume her studies in music.

Our town is enlivened by the running of a saw mill, operated by Mr. Johnson, our enterprising citizen and merchant.

Rev. H. J. LaFour filled his appointments last Sabbath at the Second Baptist church.

L. D.

Wine Sap and Baldwin apples at Lopez's.

Hogan Items.

As "Maud" is a little slow about sending you our news, I shall send you a few items.

W. J. Lee, our up-to-date merchant, is in Paragould moving his factory from Bradford to that point.

Some of the fair sex from Sabula were in our town Friday evening. Charley Holloman makes frequent trips to Bismarck now days. Robt. Goff is still our miller.

W. H. Hughes is building a new house on his farm.

B. S. Gregory and A. Huff were in town Monday.

Misses Cecelia Kistner and Daisy Propst were in Ironton Saturday.

G. W. Scoggin went to St. Louis Tuesday.

The hop given at Mrs. Dunning's was quite a success.

Mrs. M. A. Bisch was in De Soto Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Scoggin and Mrs. Gilmore spent Tuesday with Mrs. Hughes.

W. A. Westman, of St. Louis, was the guest of operator Bisch Saturday.

Miss Lela Conley is home from Missoula, Montana.

P. A. Myers was in Ironton last week.

HAPPY.

Roselle Items.

There were services at Bethany church Sunday. A good crowd was in attendance.

Garrett Counts and son, of Avon, Mo., attended services in Roselle Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Immann attended church on Marble Creek Sunday.

Miss Eva Peterson visited her parents at Ironton Saturday and Sunday.

Miles Keithly and Amos Rice called at the home of Mrs. John Lewis Sunday.

Among those who attended services in Roselle Sunday from Lance were Mrs. P. L. Henry, Mrs. Chas. Lamb and son, Joseph Mathews and family, Misses Laura and Mae Sebastian, Messrs. Jno. and Arthur Brown and Geo. Brown and family.

J. Huff and two daughters, from Stono, attended services in Roselle Sunday.

Grandma Blanton, of De Soto, is visiting her son, F. P. Johnson, in this vicinity.

John Robbs is suffering considerably with a sprained ankle.

Jasper Isbill and family, of Silver Mines, visited John Brown Sunday.

Robert Vance and family, of Ironton, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

John Hall and wife, of Huntington, Mo., are visiting Mrs. H.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vance, in Roselle.

M. L. Henry and family were the guests of Jesse Immann Sunday.

C. I. Johnston, of De Soto, a traveling salesman, spent the past week in Roselle. SNOWFLAKE.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1904:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	13	30	29
Thursday.....	14	47	24
Friday.....	15	56	18
Saturday.....	16	44	31
Sunday.....	17	47	14
Monday.....	18	49	15
Tuesday.....	19	57	33


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